

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2010

E. CURTIS AMBLER ROOM

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Chairman Pappa called the roll call at 7:02 p.m. and noted Commissioners Block, Byer, Forte, Igielski and Shapiro were present. Also present were Alternate Turgeon, Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer and Chris Greenlaw, Assistant Town Engineer.

NOTE: Chairman Pappa designated that Alternate Turgeon would vote for Commissioner Longo.

### ITEM III

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of July 20, 2010

Commissioner Igielski noted on Page 4, the second motion from the bottom of the page should read "Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to return to ITEM III (VIII) on the agenda.....and the motion was carried."

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Shapiro. There was no discussion. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and three (3) abstentions (Block, Forte and Turgeon) and the motion was carried.

Regular Meeting of August 17, 2010

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to accept the minutes as submitted and was seconded by Commissioner Block. There was no discussion. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and three (3) abstentions (Forte, Pappa and Turgeon) and the motion was carried.

### ITEM IV

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

### ITEM VA

Application 2010-06, Synthetic Turf Field, Clem Lemire Recreational Complex

Mr. Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer, said he would present the application for the applicant, The Board of Parks and Recreation, Town of Newington and entered the following remarks into the record:

- A. The proposal is to convert the existing natural grass (football field) at the Clem Lemire (Recreational) Complex to artificial turf.
- B. All proposed activities under this application would take place outside of the wetland and upland review areas. The purpose of submitting the application is to make the Commission aware of the proposed activity.
- C. The plans were develop by the firm of Malone and Mcbroom.
- D. The wetlands, which are located in the northwest corner of the Complex, were flagged in September (2010).
- E. The limits of the wetland flagged in the field, which are greater than the limits shown on the Town Map), would be used to measure any impacts(s).
- F. The Town does not intend to amend the (Town) Map.
- G. A subsurface drainage system would be installed around the perimeter of the field. The system would outlet any flow through a level spreader in a northerly direction (by sheet flow) to the wetland.
- H. The proposed plan would result in no impact to the wetland or upland review areas.

Commissioner Byer asked if the area (under discussion) could become toxic (after the worked would be done)? Chairman Pappa responded that the Attorney General (State of Connecticut) had noted that some product in the (artificial) turf might contain some. He (Pappa) also noted there was no conclusive finding.

Mr. Ferraro noted that no (toxic material) was known to exist on this project.

Commissioner Block asked if any over flow from the new drainage system would reach the wetland? Mr. Ferraro responded no, except when there is a torrential rain storm.

Chairman Pappa asked if the project had gone out to bid? Mr. Ferraro responded no.

Commissioner Byer asked what is the estimated cost of the project? Mr. Ferraro responded that the consultant's estimate is \$1.3million dollars. He noted that his own estimate is closer to \$1.5 million dollars.

Mr. Ferraro noted that sediment and erosion control measures would be placed around the perimeter of the field and hay bales around the wetland.

ITEM VI

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ITEM VII

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Mr. Ferraro passed out a copy of the 2010 fall issue of “The Habitat” to Commission members.

Mr. Ferraro noted that he had received from DEP three (3) copies on disc of the Agency’s “Training Program for Commissioners”. He noted that the training program would be available on the DEP website in December.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Block. There was no discussion. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

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Peter M. Arburr, Recording Secretary

Commission members  
Tayna Lane, Town Clerk  
Town Manager John Salamone  
Edmund Meehan, Town Planner  
Councilor Myra Cohen  
Chairperson, Town Plan and Zoning Commission  
Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer  
Ben Ancona Jr., Esquire, Town Attorney  
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